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SUBJECT: NEW EMBASSY COMPLEX

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1. WHILE THE SOVIET COMMENTS OF OUR PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR OUR PROPOSED MOSCOW EMBASSY COMPLEX AS REPORTED IN REFERENCE (B) ARE NOT CLEAR AS TO WHICH ITEMS ARE MANDATORY AND WHICH ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR CONSIDERATION, THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN REFERENCE (A) APPEARS TO RESULT IN A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR ALL THE ITEMS.

2. MUCH OF THE SCOPE OF THE SOVIET REVIEW COMMENTS IS SO BASIC THAT IT COULD NECESSITATE EXTENSIVE REDESIGN OF THE PROJECT IF THE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET AS THEY ARE STATED. HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED THAT OF THE ITEMS INVOLVED, THE CONCEPTS OF THE PLANNING AND FIRE SAFETY ITEMS, WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE SOVIETS, HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANTICIPATED AND SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED WITHIN THE PRESENT DESIGN BY THE AMERICAN ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS. THESE SOLUTIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DESIGN PLANS AS A MATTER OF COURSE.

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3. THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL COMMENTS ARE GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET COMMENTS AS REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFERENCE (B) AND OUTLINE OUR SOLUTIONS TO THE CONCEPTS OF THE PROBLEMS ON WHICH THE SOVIET COMMENTS WERE BASED.

WHILE OUR SOLUTIONS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE PRESENT DESIGN, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REDESIGN THE BUILDING TO MEET THE SOVIET SOLUTIONS AS EXPRESSED IN THEIR COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (A), (C) AND (D). ADDITIONALLY, ITEM (H) IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED PROMPTLY.

(A) STAIRWAYS AND CORRIDORS USED FOR EMERGENCY EGRESS WILL ALWAYS BE LIT. SPECIAL LIGHTS WILL BURN FULL TIME. IF A POWER OUTAGE OCCURS, THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR WILL AUTOMATICALLY SUPPLY ELECTRIC CURRENT TO ALL EMERGENCY EGRESS CIRCUITS. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THE OFFICE STAIRS WILL BE ENCLOSED WITH TWO HOUR FIRE RESISTIVE DOORS AND WALLS AND THAT THE AIR IN THE STAIRS WILL BE PRESSURIZED SO AS TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OF SMOKE INTO THE STAIR TOWER.

(B) ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEARLY SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS, THE STAIRS LEADING TO THE BASEMENT SHALL BE SEPARATED FROM THE MAIN STAIR RUN IN THE OFFICE BUILDING

(C) BETWEEN 70 TO 100 FOOT CANDLES PER SQUARE FOOT OF ELECTRICAL ILLUMINATION IS TO BE PROVIDED IN ALL CLASSROOMS AND STUDY AREAS AND IS CONSIDERED MOST ADEQUATE TO MEET SCHOOL NEEDS. ARTIFICIAL ILLUMINATION IS CONSIDERED MORE DEPENDABLE THAN NATURAL LIGHT, WHICH CHANGES WITH WEATHER VARIATIONS. A VIEW OF THE OUTSIDE AND NATURAL LIGHT IS PROVIDED IN EACH CLASSROOM BY CONTINUOUS WINDOWS ON THE LONG EXTERIOR SIDES OF THE ROOM.

(D) REGARDING NATURAL LIGHT IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING RECREATION AREAS, STAIRCASES AND LAVATORIES, SEE ITEMS (A) AND (C) IMMEDIATELY ABOVE. ALSO NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL TOILET ROOM WILL BE EFFECTIVELY EXHAUSTED BY MEANS OF MECHANICAL VENTILATION.

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(E) THE ENTRANCE TO ALL APARTMENTS AND HOUSES IS THROUGH VESTIBULES, WHICH ARE PROVIDED WITH HEAT;

(F) ALTHOUGH IT IS THE AMERICAN CUSTOM TO OPEN ALL RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCE DOORS INWARD TO CONVEY WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY, THE ENTRANCE DOORS OF THE REPRESENTATIONAL HOUSES CAN BE CHANGED TO OPEN OUTWARD.

(G) THE SOUTH END OF THE WEST APARTMENT WING SHALL BE FENESTRATED. HOWEVER, SINCE THE PLANS OF THE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT WING DIFFER FROM THOSE OF THE DCM HOUSE AND SINCE THESE END WINGS OCCUR AT DIFFERENT ELEVATIONS, IT IS NOT PLANNED TO TREAT THE FACADES IN IDENTICAL FASHION ASYMMETRIC FACADES ARE MUCH

PREFERRED.

(H) THE SOVIET REVIEW STATES THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE FACADES TO BE FACED WITH LIGHT COLORED MATERIALS. AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED NUMEROUS TIMES WITH THE SOVIETS, IT IS PLANNED TO GENERALLY FACE ALL BUILDINGS WITH LIGHT PINK BRICK, WHICH APPROXIMATES THE COLOR OF THE TOWER NEAREST ST. BASILS ON THE KREMLIN WALL AND AMERICAN WILLIAMSBURG BRICK. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THIS BRICK AS THE FACADE MATERIAL FOR THE PROPOSED COMPLEX.

4. THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL COMMENTS ARE GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET COMMENTS ON FIRE SAFETY ITEMS AS REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 10 OF REFERENCE (B) AND OUTLINE THE SOLUTIONS TO THE CONCEPTS OF THE PROBLEMS ON WHICH THE SOVIET COMMENTS WERE BASED. WHILE OUR SOLUTIONS CAN BE DEVELOPED WITHIN THE PRESENT DESIGN, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REDESIGN THE BUILDING TO MEET THE SOLUTIONS AS EXPRESSED IN THEIR COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (A), (C), (D) AND (E).

(A) REGARDING NATURAL LIGHT IN THE STAIRS, SEE ITEM 3(A) ABOVE. REGARDING ISOLATION OF STAIRS FROM THE BASEMENT, SEE ITEM 3(B) ABOVE. REGARDING DIRECT STAIR EXITS TO THE OUTSIDE, A WAIVER OF THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR REASONS OF CHANCERY SECURITY.

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(B) THE SOVIET REVIEW STATES THAT THE DOORS OF STAIRCASES AND AREAS WHERE SIMULTANEOUS PRESENCE OF 15 PEOPLE OR MORE IS POSSIBLE DO NOT OPEN IN THE DIRECTION OF EGRESS. THIS IS NOT TRUE FOR THE STAIRS. OTHER INDIVIDUAL CONDITIONS CAN BE COMPLIED WITH INDIVIDUALLY

(C) THE GARAGE, WAREHOUSE AND STORE ROOM WILL BE SEPARATED FROM THE ADJOINING STRUCTURE BY 4 HOUR FIRE RETARDANT WALL AND AUTOMATICALLY CLOSING DOORS. THESE AREAS WILL ALSO BE PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC WATER SPRINKLING SYSTEM AND FIRE FIGHTING APARATUS.

(D) THE SOVIET REVIEW STATES THAT THE CAR SERVICE AND TRANSFORMER AREAS CONNECT DIRECTLY INTO THE PARKING GARAGE AND THAT THE GARAGE IS NOT DIVIDED INTO COMPARTMENTS, WHICH ARE PROVIDED WITH INDIVIDUAL EXITS.

ALTHOUGH EXACT IMPLICATIONS OF THESE COMMENTS IS NOT THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD, IT IS THOUGHT THAT THEY SHOULD BE EASY TO COMPLY WITH. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN DETAILED DIRECTIVES FROM THE SOVIETS IN THIS MATTER.

(E) THE SOVIET REVIEW STATES THAT WINDOWS FOR THE EXTINGUISHING OF FIRES ARE NOT PROVIDED IN THE GARAGE, WAREHOUSE OR STORAGE AREAS. THESE AREAS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FIRE FIGHTING APARATUS AND EQUIPPED WITH A FIRE SPRINKLING SYSTEM. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THEY WILL BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE FROM THE OUTSIDE.

5 EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THE ITEMS COVERED BY THE SOVIET COMMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED MANDATORY BY THEM, IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS THE EMBASSY SHOULD SUBMIT OUR ABOVE CITED TECHNICAL COMMENTS FOR ALL THE ITEMS TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR APPROVAL. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO PROCEED WITH FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PROJECT UNTIL CLEAR CONCURRENCE OF THE SOVIETS IS OBTAINED FOR ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO ALL THE ITEMS IN QUESTION. KISSINGER

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